

The Holocaust was a time of great loss and depression. The Holocaust was the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators leading to a sorrowful story. The unimaginable amount of tragic deaths endures by millions of innocent people is what makes this event so remarkable within history. Beginning with one of the first monumental accounts of mass murder based on discrimination, the Holocaust can be defined as one of many historical events in which those who suffered would feel the effects for years to come. Family members, friends, love ones, and so much more were lost throughout this depressing time, but it led to a strength in learning to love another because you will never know what'll happen the next day. The displays of love and loss still remain to create an increasing emotional impact to this very day.

One of the main examples of love and loss within this event was that of a family. On numerous occasions children were often forcefully removed from their parents never to be seen or heard from again. The fact of this breaks my heart into pieces. Imagining myself being removed from my own parents forever haunts me because they're a part of me, so I can't imagine what the children during this time was feeling. At the time, children were being taken through the process of expulsion where they were put up for adoption to be raised under German guardians/households. The separation of able-bodied teen to adults to be put to work from the young, elderly, and disabled being placed elsewhere is what often started the process. The majority of children however were sent to foster homes or just killed. This whole process is like a stab in the heart because honestly, who would have the confidence to do this to little ones, ones who still have their life ahead of them.

The separation of parents from child goes further. In great fear of their family being decomposed in the blink of an eye and appearance of a military official at your front door, a multitude of families immigrated as a way of escape or hiding. The majority, families in Poland, fled to countries throughout Europe, and further to the United States in search for a way to stay safe and together bringing the feeling of love to one another. This was a time where they needed reassurance over what and who they did lose. There were also situations in which families would place their trust upon strangers to find ways for their child to continue on without them, creating an even more heart breaking experience for a parent to place their child in someone else's care for the sake of safety and concern for the child. Just reading this makes me want to throb my

eyes out because these mothers and fathers were feeling hopeless due to the Holocaust; this was another loss due to how much they loved their children.

As an attempt to prevent capture and hostility, families went into hiding. For extended periods of time, going into hiding became a way of life for most people. The conditions were often harsh and unforgiving but the comparison to cruel and pitiless death was often what urged the decision. In hiding, the basic items like food, water, socialization, and privacy were given up completely in place of safety for one another. This ultimately is what pushed parents to simply give up their children to the method of hiding in hopes that they would be able to avoid the impact of such hatred and genocide. This shows how much they really lost for the one they loved creating many emotions to such a depressing period of time.

The Holocaust impacted so many people back then even if you weren't necessarily involved in it. It taught one another how to love. This was taught because due to what was happening, you really had to love one another more because you won't know who you'll lose next. Unfortunately, it did leave many pain and tears in millions of people. Millions of people lost the person who's everything to them. You had to give up everything for the one you love knowing you'll never see them ever again, knowing you'll die, and so much more. This created a wide effect of emotions for everyone in the world. Knowing this, the Holocaust is a damaging event that can never be undo causing love and loss to many mothers and fathers.